

Dear FCC Commissioners:

I am writing to express my adamant opposition to any further relaxation of regulations that prevent monopoly ownership of multimedia outlets (e.g. radio stations, newspapers, cable stations or cable providers) by a single individual/corporation within a single US city or broadcast area. A healthy democracy requires the availability and discussion of pluralistic views. Further consolidation of media outlets by a few large wealthy corporations stymies public debate and participation in democracy. In comparison to news available on the internet from Europe and the Middle East, the news coverage (or more appropriately the lack thereof) by the United States "corporate media" regarding the legality of the current war our nation is fighting in Iraq and the lack of full debate of the justifications for this war put forward by the Bush Administration provide ample evidence of how these few news outlets provide a disservice to the American public. The airwaves of this nation belong to the us the citizens of this nation and not the wealthy news media corporations. You the commissioners of the FCC have the job to protect this public trust and I urge you will prevent the further consolidation of news and entertainment outlets by the few. Further consolidation of radio stations, TV stations, and newspapers by few corporations will cutoff the life blood of our democracy.

Sincerely,

Robert Klumb